

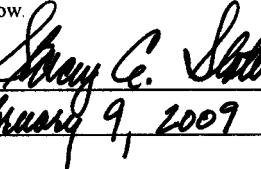
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## DECLARATION BY PROFESSOR BRIAN KEVIN PAUL

I, Brian Kevin Paul, hereby declare as follows:

1. I am a co-inventor of the subject matter disclosed and claimed in the application referenced above.
  
2. I have been employed by Oregon State University for the last 14 years. I currently am a full professor in the School of Mechanical, Industrial and Manufacturing Engineering. A copy of my current curriculum vitae is attached hereto as Appendix A.
  
3. I have read the Office Communication from the United States Patent Office (PTO) dated November 7, 2008. I understand that the Patent Office is seeking additional information to determine if Paul *et al.* "Intermetallic Microlaminations for High-Temperature Microreactors," referred to during prosecution and hereinafter as Paul I, was a "printed publication."

4. In summary, Paul I was not made available to the public in a manner that would constitute "publication" as outlined in the Office Communication. The subject matter of Paul I eventually was published in November of 2002 for the International Mechanical Engineering Congress and Exposition (referred to as the IMECE publication). I understand that the IMECE publication was cited in an Information Disclosure Statement that was submitted to the PTO on October 5, 2005.

Each of the particular questions raised by the Office Communication is addressed below in further detail.

5. The first question asked by the Office Communication is whether Paul I was made available to the public in any form, such as by a file transfer protocol (FTP) within the University, via an online database or made available on the World Wide Web. I have reviewed my records, and confirm that Paul I was not made publicly available by any of these methods until the IMECE publication in November of 2002.

6. The second question asked by the Office Communication is whether Paul I was presented as a poster presentation, as a handout, or as a PowerPoint slide presentation, at any conference or lecture having greater than 50 people present. I have reviewed my records, and confirm that Paul I was not made publicly available by a poster presentation, as a handout, or as a PowerPoint slide presentation, at any conference or lecture having greater than 50 people present, until the IMECE publication in November of 2002.

7. The third question asked by the Office Communication is whether Paul I was presented at the 4<sup>th</sup> International Conference of Microreaction Technology in Atlanta, Georgia, from March 5-9, 2000. I have reviewed my records, and confirm that information contained in Paul I was not presented at the 4<sup>th</sup> International Conference of Microreaction Technology in Atlanta, Georgia, from March 5-9, 2000. By reviewing my computer records, I determined that Paul I was initially created on November 28, 2001, more than a year after the 4<sup>th</sup> International Conference of Microreaction Technology in Atlanta, Georgia, on March 5-9, 2000. Microsoft Office PowerPoint slides that were presented at this conference are attached hereto as Appendix B.

8. The fourth question asked by the Office Communication is whether any information of Paul I was "known or used by others," including by other authors named on Paul I. The information stated in Paul I was not known or used by persons other than the co-authors until the IMECE publication. Information concerning the conversion and bonding of nickel and aluminum foils into Ni<sub>3</sub>Al microchannel structures without using a bonding assist material was presented at the 4<sup>th</sup> International Conference of Microreaction Technology (ICMT) in Atlanta, Georgia, on March 5-9, 2000. I then prepared Paul I beginning in November of 2001, which contained information concerning new Ni<sub>3</sub>Al sheet materials. The IMECE 2002 publication included the information of Paul I, but also included prior micrographs from the prior ICMT paper mentioned above. The NiAl architecture and a new Ni<sub>3</sub>Al architecture were compared in the IMECE publication. The co-author non-inventors were listed as authors on the IMECE publication because they had originally produced the NiAl SEM micrographs. Kannachai Kanlayasiri and I conceived of the subject matter disclosed and claimed in the present application concerning the use of a bonding material between aluminide laminae completely separate from the co-author non-inventors. As a result, the co-authors are not listed as inventors on the present application.

9. I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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Senior Research Engineer, Battelle Pacific Northwest Laboratories, 1994  
Research Engineer, Battelle Pacific Northwest Laboratories, 1990-1993  
Manufacturing Consultant, McDonnell Douglas Helicopter Company, 1989  
Manufacturing Systems Engineer, Honeywell Industrial Automation Systems, 1986-1989  
Industrial Engineer, Boeing Military Airplane Company, 1986

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

Arrayed microfluidics for green nanosynthesis (e.g. nanoparticle synthesis; macromolecular synthesis; etc.) and microreactor-assisted materials processing (e.g. nanomaterial deposition)

Precision bonding for microsystem packaging (e.g. nanoparticle-assisted bonding; precision adhesive bonding; differential thermal expansion bonding; etc.); and

Packaging of arrayed microfluidic systems for distributed and portable energy, chemical and biomedical applications; especially microlamination (i.e. the patterning and bonding of thin layers of material)

## PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES

- American Society of Mechanical Engineers
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## PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- Scientific Committee, North American Manufacturing Research Conference, 2008-11
- Associate Editor, *ASME J Mfg Sci and Engr*, One of 12 Assoc. Ed., nano/micro fab, 2004-2007.
- Associate Editor, *SME J Mfg Processes*, referee two to four papers per year, 2000-present.
- Invited session chairman for Nano/Micro Manufacturing Systems at the 2006 IERC
- Co-editor for special issue on Multi-Scale Fabrication in the *J Mfg Processes*, Spring 2004.
- Invited session chairman for Multi-Scale Manufacturing at the 2002 ASME IMECE Congress, Manufacturing Engineering Division
- Scientific Committee, North American Manufacturing Research Conference, 2001-03

- Society of Manufacturing Engineers, Student Chapter Advisor, 1996-2002, 2005

## PROFESSIONAL RECOGNITION

- 2007 Runner-up, Best Student Paper, North American Manufacturing Research Conference.
- Invited Chair, Nano/Meso/Micro Manufacturing Tech. Comm., ASME MSEC, 2007-08.
- Invited Session Chair, Nano/Micro Manufacturing Systems at IERC, 2006.
- 2004 Indo-US Forum on Advanced Manufacturing, Kanpur, India
- One of 12 Invited Speakers at the 2003 ASPE National Conference
- 2003 OSU College of Engineering Research Collaboration Award
- Invited Guest Editor, *SME J Mfg Processes*, organized special issue for J Mfg Processes on Multi-scale Fabrication, 2002-2003.
- Invited Session Coordinator, Multi-scale Fabrication at ASME IMECE, 2002.
- 2000 Hamed K. Eldin National Engineering Design and Automation Young Faculty Award, presented at the 5th Int'l Conf. on Engineering Design and Automation.
- 2000 Engelbrecht Young Engineering Faculty Award, OSU College of Engineering
- 1999 National Academy of Engineering Frontiers of Engineering Workshop, one of 35 invited academicians
- Office of Naval Research Young Investigator, 1998-2001
- Pacific Northwest National Laboratory Affiliate Staff Scientist, 1997-2001
- Society of Automotive Engineers Doctoral Fellowship, 1992-1995
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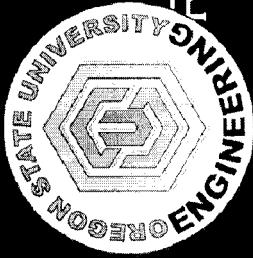
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# PROBLEM

- Need for materials to support high-temperature microreactors
  - Catalytic combustion
  - Synthesis of HCN
  - Steam superheating for gas turbines
  - Waste heat recovery
- Binder removal in ceramics
  - Warpage
  - Low fractional densities



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# INTERMETALLIC MICROREACTORS

- Aluminides – NiAl, FeAl,  $\gamma$ -TiAl
  - Good high-temperature strength/toughness
  - Good corrosion resistance
  - Moderate thermal conductivity
  - Poor formability at room temperature
- Intermetallics have been synthesized at high temperatures from elemental foils
- Microreactors have been laminated from elemental foils

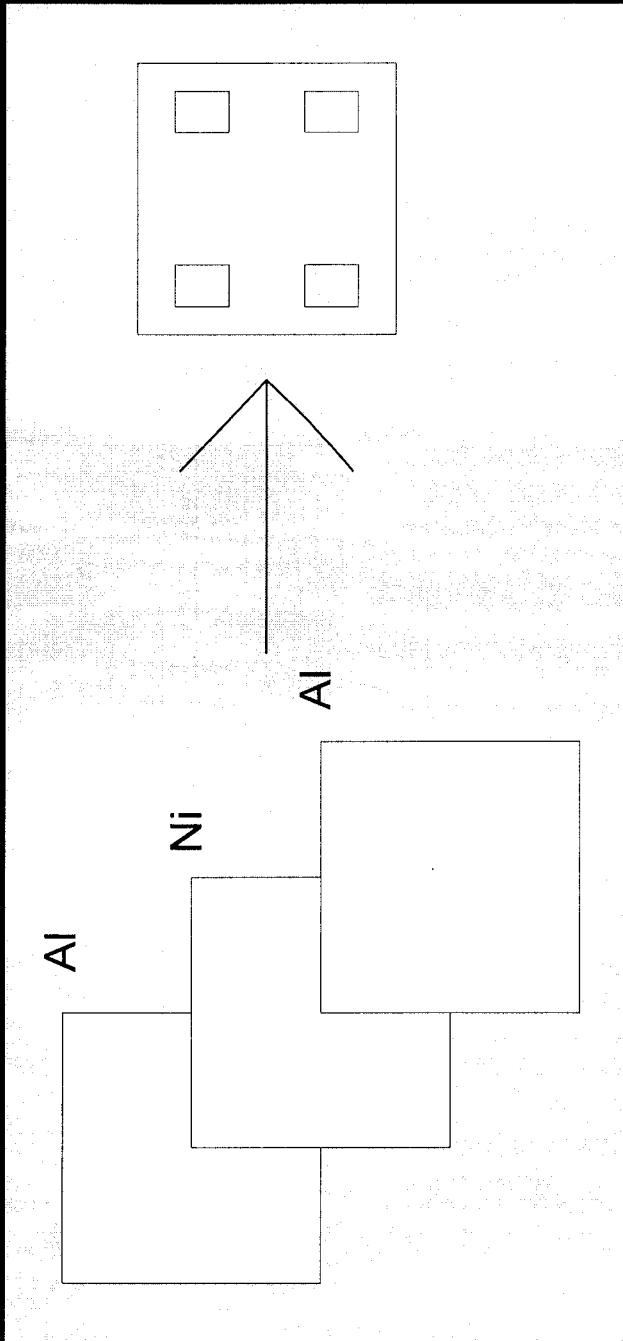


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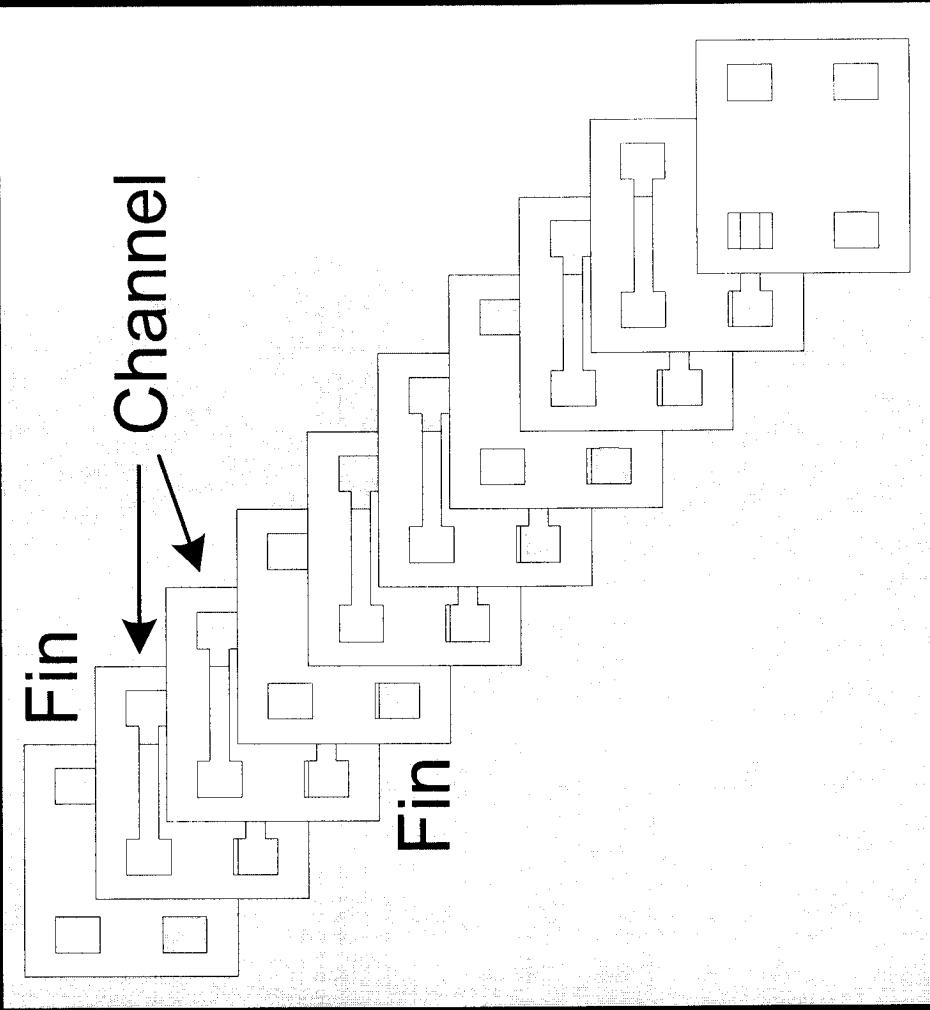
1. Tack Ni and Al foils
2. Laser micromachine composite



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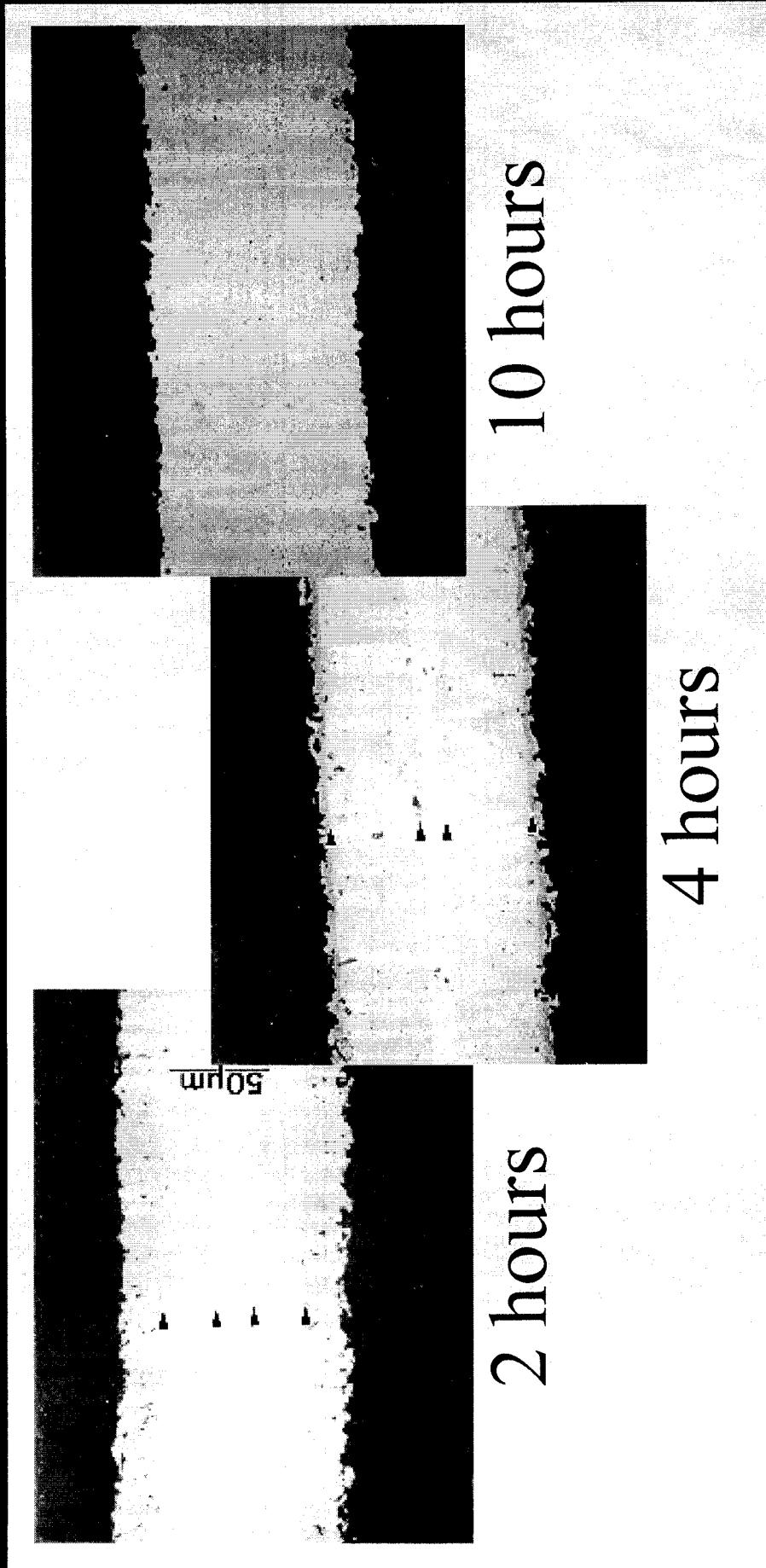
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1. Align
2. Liquid-phase bond
  - Bonding
  - Conversion



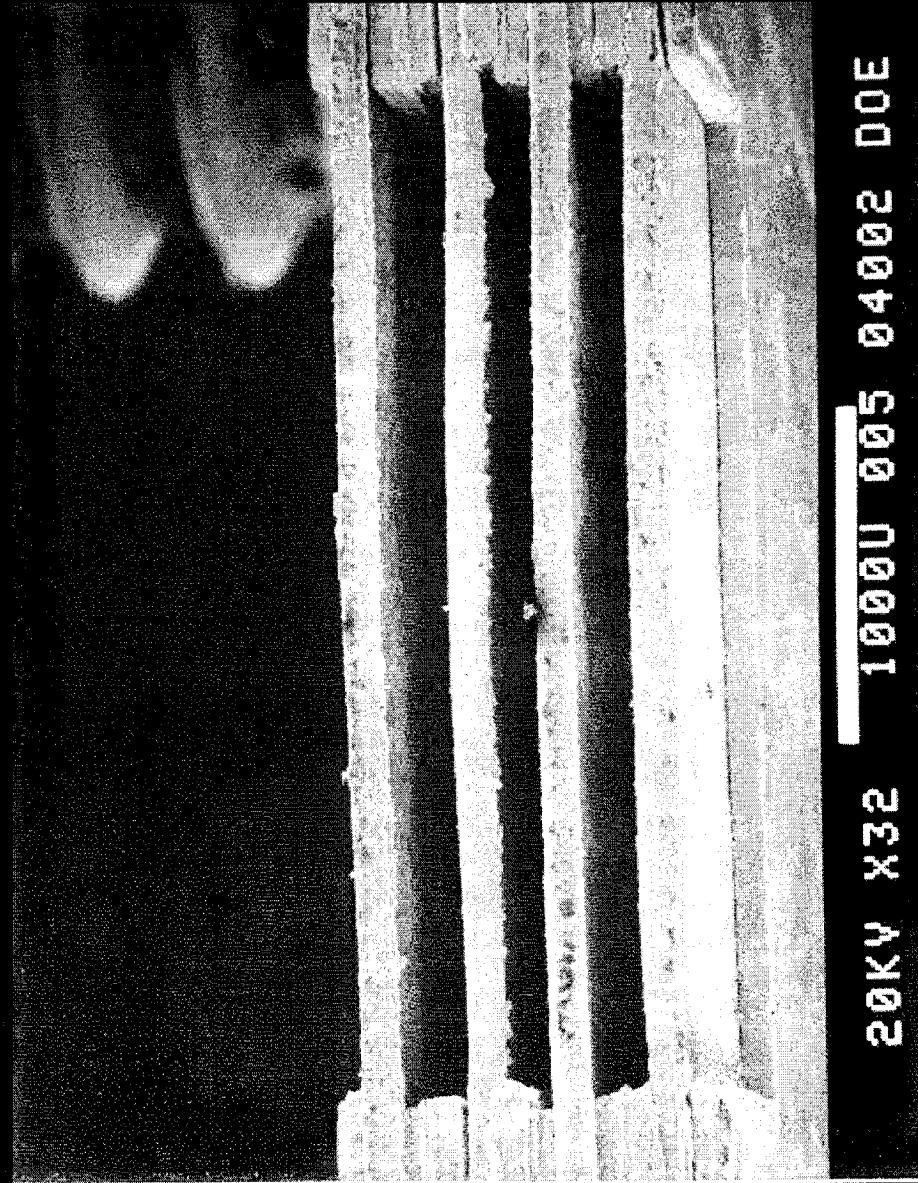
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# RESULTS

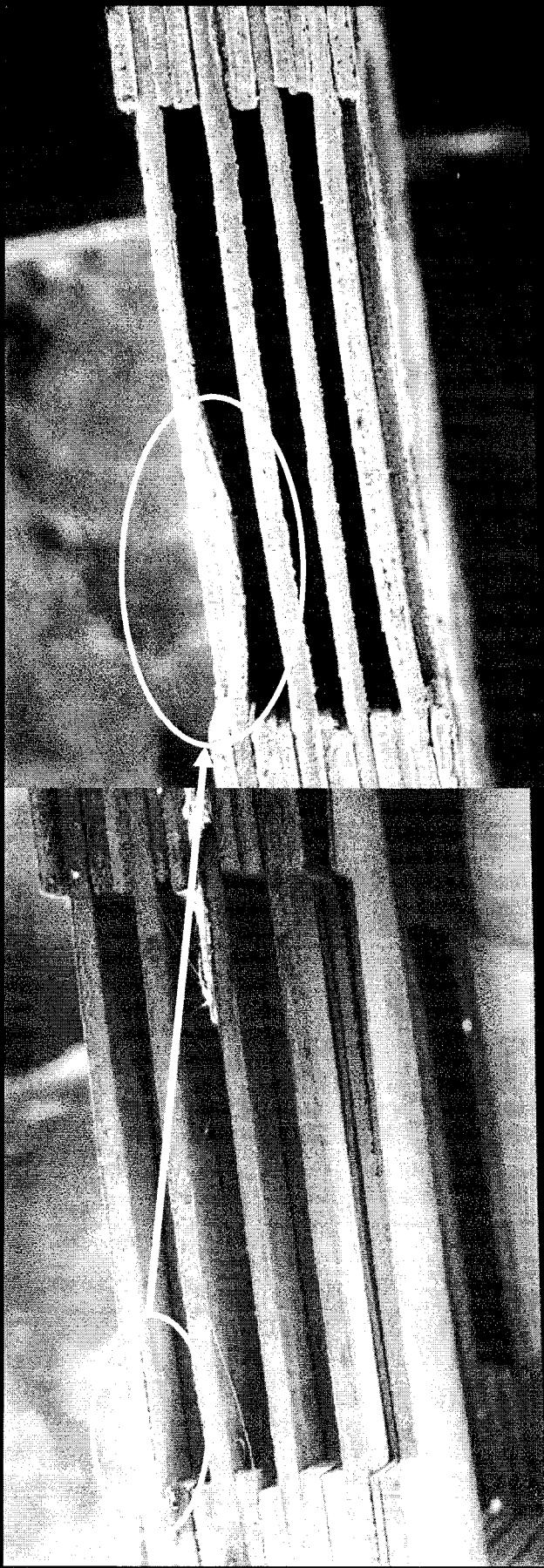


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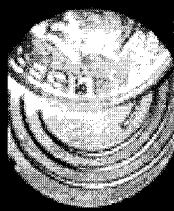
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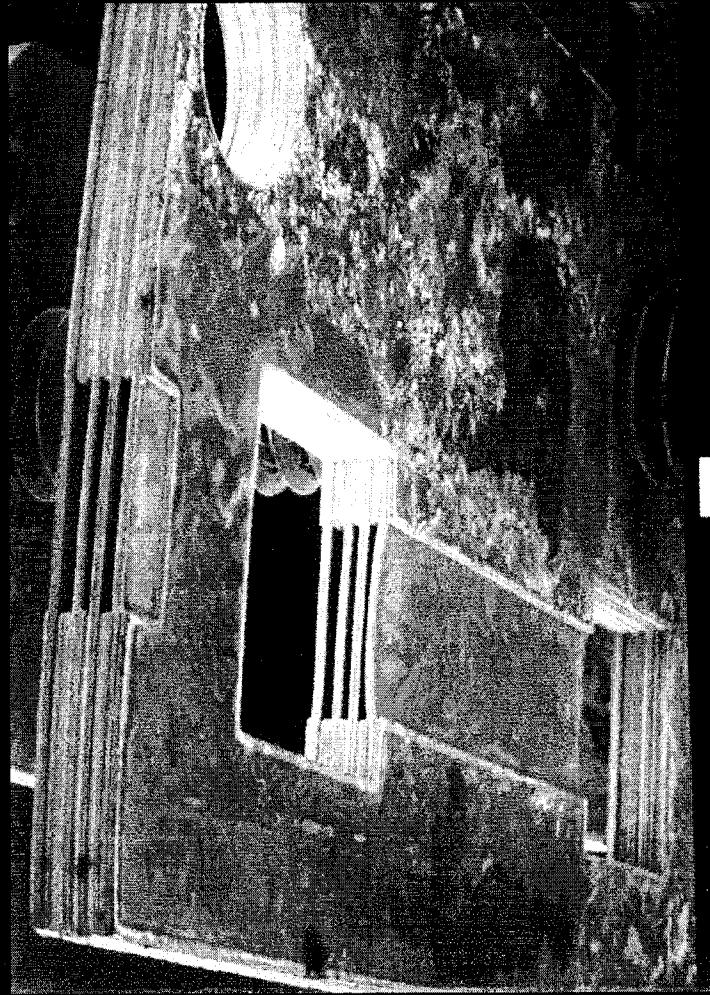
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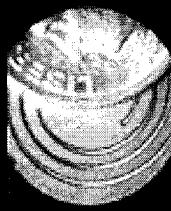
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# FIN DEFLECTION



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**Caused by triaxial stress from CTE mismatch between jig and device**



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# SUMMARY

- Intermetallic microreactor is feasible
- Dimensional control in intermetallic microchannels was demonstrated
- Delamination a source of warpage
  - Other methods of tracking should be investigated such as roll bonding
- Other aluminides to be studied



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